Guide to Benefits.gov for Unemployed Individuals

What is Benefits.gov?

As the official benefits website of the U.S. government, Benefits.gov is dedicated to connecting citizens to available benefit programs. With information on over 1,200 programs, the program you're looking for could be just a few simple steps away. Benefits.gov can help you learn what benefits you may be eligible to receive and how to apply for these benefits.

How can Benefits.gov help you?

As a person who is unemployed, you face unique circumstances and may qualify for assistance with your healthcare, access to job training, and placement services, among other benefits.

What can you expect to find?

Here are just a few benefits for which you may be eligible:

- The **Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program** aims to test and evaluate ways of creating employment and business opportunities for individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance. This program also encourages low-income individuals to become financially self-sufficient through self-employment, micro-enterprise, new business ventures and expansion of existing businesses.
- **Medicaid** is a healthcare program that helps pay for medical services for people with low incomes. If you are eligible for full Medicaid services, this program will pay healthcare providers such as doctors, hospitals and pharmacists that accept Medicaid.
- **American Job Centers** are at the heart of the new workforce investment system emerging under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). These centers provide an integrated array of high-quality services so that job seekers and businesses can conveniently find the help they need in one place.
- ...And more!

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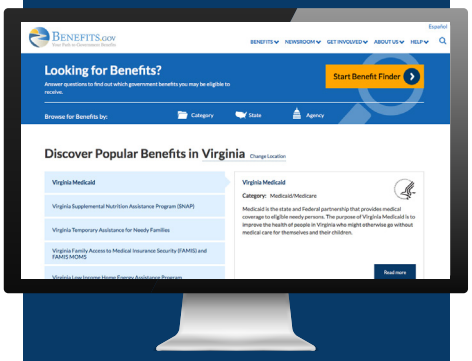
Your Path to Government Benefits

Get Started on your search today!

Click the confidential ***Benefit Finder*** on the homepage to begin answering questions about your current situation. You will be able to instantly view a list of benefits that you may be eligible for based on your responses.

Start Benefit Finder



Benefits.gov offers multiple ways to search for benefits. Click on the "Benefits" tab and browse by category, state or Federal agency to help you quickly find the government benefits you are looking for so you can start your application process and be on your way toward improving your life.

You can also search our site by clicking the ***search icon*** and typing a keyword or phrase into the Search box.